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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*without reference to a Main Committee (A/56/L.75 and Add.1)*]

56/269. Fifth International Conference of New or Restored Democracies, to be held in Ulaanbaatar in 2003

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the indissoluble links between the principles embodied in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights[1] and the foundations of any democratic society,

Recognizing that the United Nations has an important role to play in providing timely, appropriate and coherent support to the efforts of Governments to achieve democratization within the context of their development efforts,

Recalling its resolution 56/96 of 14 December 2001, in which it welcomed the decision of the Government of Mongolia to host the Fifth International Conference of New or Restored Democracies in 2003,

Expressing once again its deep appreciation for the support provided by Member States, the United Nations system, including the specialized agencies, and other intergovernmental organizations to the Government of Benin for the holding of the Fourth International Conference of New or Restored Democracies in Cotonou,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Government of Mongolia to hold the Fifth International Conference of New or Restored Democracies from 18 to 20 June 2003 in Ulaanbaatar;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General, Member States, the relevant specialized agencies and bodies of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to support and collaborate in the holding of the Fifth International Conference of New or Restored Democracies;

[1] Resolution 217 A (III).

3. *Encourages* the intergovernmental follow-up mechanism to the Cotonou Conference to cooperate actively in the preparatory process for the Fifth International Conference of New or Restored Democracies.

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

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56/270. Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report;[2]

2. *Approves* the utilization of an amount of 7,711,800 United States dollars for the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, to be financed within the available balance of the construction-in-progress account;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly on an annual basis on progress made in the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa, bearing in mind the views and recommendations contained in paragraphs 4, 5 and 8 of the report of the Advisory Committee.

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[1] A/56/672.
[2] A/56/711.

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

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56/271. Integrated Management Information System

The General Assembly,

Having considered the thirteenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated Management Information System project[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report;[2]

2. *Approves* the utilization of an amount of 5,634,700 United States dollars of interest accrued under the Integrated Management Information System Fund from the investment income available at 30 June 2001 to meet the requirements of the Integrated Management Information System relating to the activities detailed in the report of the Secretary-General;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to report to the General Assembly, in the context of the proposed programme budget, under the corresponding section of the budget, on progress in the development and implementation of the Integrated Management Information System, including ways in which the System has reduced and will continue to reduce administrative processes and how these reductions have affected the programmatic work of the Organization, and to submit a concise update in non-budget years;

4. *Recalls* its resolution 56/239 of 24 December 2001 on information technology, and notes that the Integrated Management Information System must be an integral part of the comprehensive strategy for the development and implementation of information technology, a single report on which will be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

[1] A/56/602 and Add.1.
[2] A/56/684.

5. *Recalls also* paragraph 12 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session, in the report mentioned in paragraph 4 above, a schedule for the introduction and implementation of the Integrated Management Information System in peacekeeping missions and the International Tribunals.

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56/272. Comprehensive study of the question of honorariums payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the note by the Secretariat on the comprehensive study of the question of honorariums payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations,[1]

1. *Decides*, with effect from 6 April 2002, to set at a level of one United States dollar per year all honorariums currently payable on an exceptional basis to the members of the International Law Commission, the International Narcotics Control Board, the United Nations Administrative Tribunal, the Human Rights Committee, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Committee on the Rights of the Child;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the appropriation adjustments required as a consequence of the present resolution and the related transfers in respect of the provision of Internet services as set out in paragraph 5 of resolution 56/254 D of 27 March 2002, and to do so in the context of the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003 to be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session.

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[1] A/56/311.

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56/273. Standards of accommodation for air travel

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on standards of accommodation for air travel;[1]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its reports;[2]

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to submit annual reports on standards of accommodation for air travel to the General Assembly through the Advisory Committee;

4. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to improve coordination among the various departments in order to expedite settlement of travel reimbursement claims;

5. *Emphasizes* that all travel reimbursement claims must, to the extent possible, be settled within 30 working days of their submission.

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[1] A/54/382, A/55/488 and A/56/426.

[2] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7* (A/56/7), chap.I, paras. 127–129; and A/56/630.

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/736/Add.1)*]

56/274. Estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling its resolution 56/255 of 24 December 2001, in which it approved a charge totalling 11,113,400 United States dollars against the provision for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003,[3]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized,[1] and concurs with the observations and endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report;[4]

2. *Approves* the charge of 41,458,500 dollars, inclusive of the amount of 11,113,400 dollars approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/255 for the 19 special political missions dealt with in the reports of the Secretary-General against the provision for special political missions requested under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003;[3]

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the special political missions are administered with the maximum of efficiency and economy.

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[1] A/C.5/56/25 and Add.1–3.

[2] A/56/7/Add.5–8. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

[3] A/56/6 (Sect. 3). For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6*.

[4] See A/56/7/Add.8, para. 24. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No.7A*.

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56/275. Documentation availability in six languages on the United Nations web site

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the simultaneous availability of parliamentary documentation in electronic form in the six official languages on the United Nations web site,[1]

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General.[1]

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[1] A/C.5/56/12.

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56/276. Review of public information activities in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the review of public information activities in the United Nations Secretariat outside the Department of Public Information,[1]

1. *Notes* the report of the Secretary-General,[1] and looks forward to the submission to the relevant intergovernmental bodies of the comprehensive review referred to in paragraph 150 of its resolution 56/253 of 24 December 2001, along with the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee on Information and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

2. *Decides* that the comprehensive review referred to in paragraph 1 above should address also the language versions of publications issued outside the Department of Public Information.

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[1] A/C.5/56/17.

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56/277. Documents and publications of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

The General Assembly,

Having considered the note by the Secretariat on the languages used for the preparation of documents and publications of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,[1]

1. *Recalls* its resolution 56/253 of 24 December 2001;

2. *Urges* the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia to comply with all relevant provisions of Commission resolution 44 (IV) of 28 April 1977,[2] whereby it decided, inter alia, that all documents to be submitted to it should, as far as possible, be drafted in Arabic;

3. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretariat,[1] and looks forward to the report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved in the production of documents and publications in Arabic requested in paragraph 124 of its resolution 56/253 for consideration at the fifty-seventh session.

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[1] A/C.5/56/19.

[2] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 10* (E/5969), chap. III.

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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/881)*]

56/278. Follow-up investigation into possible fee-splitting arrangements between defence counsel and indigent detainees at the International Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 55/250 of 12 April 2001,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the follow-up investigation into possible fee-splitting arrangements between defence counsel and indigent detainees at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 and the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991;[1]

2. *Expresses concern* at the findings set out in the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the full and expeditious implementation of the recommendations contained in the report;[1]

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to follow up further on the investigation expeditiously, with a view to ensuring that errant officials are held accountable.

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[1] See A/56/836.

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/734/Add.1)*]

56/279. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the United Nations system common services at Geneva

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 54/255 of 7 April 2000,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "United Nations system common services at Geneva, part II: Case studies (ICC, JMS, TES, DPS, JPS)",[1] and the note by the Secretary-General[2] transmitting his comments and those of the Administrative Committee on Coordination[3] thereon,

Having also considered the report of the Secretary-General[4] submitted pursuant to paragraph 9 of its resolution 54/255,

Having further considered the information contained in the first report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[5]

1. *Takes note* of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit[1] and the comments of the Secretary-General and the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon;[2]

2. *Reiterates* that the use of common services at Geneva should be one of many tools available to organizations and managers to obtain goods and services in the most efficient and effective manner;

3. *Encourages* the organizations concerned, in their continuing efforts further to expand areas of cooperative arrangements, to give priority to those services that lend themselves to common delivery using the criteria of efficiency, productivity and cost effectiveness and, where feasible, to take into account the recommendations contained in

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[1] See A/55/856.

[2] A/55/856/Add.1.

[3] The Administrative Committee on Coordination was renamed the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2001/321 of 24 October 2001.

[4] A/56/417/Rev.1.

[5] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7* (A/56/7), chap. I, sect. E.14, para. 124 and chap. II, sect. A, paras. I.68 and VIII.97-VIII.103.

the report of the Unit,[1] bearing in mind also the distinct mandates, roles, tasks and rules of each individual participating organization;

4. *Welcomes* the comments and views contained in the relevant paragraphs of the first report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[5] in particular regarding telecommunications and information technology services, conference services, printing and publishing, as well as general administration;

5. *Notes* the efforts made to date by the Geneva-based organizations of the United Nations system for the enhancement of common services, and encourages them to pursue, with a more structured approach, the improvement of existing common services and the development of new common approaches, within the framework of the Management Ownership Committee and the Task Force on Common Services and its working groups;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to encourage the Management Ownership Committee, when determining the scope and pace of implementation of common services arrangements at Geneva, to adopt streamlined consultation procedures that would promote timely agreement on which services should be delivered in common or jointly, with a view to the possible full launching of the plan of action for Geneva common services earlier than the targeted year of 2010;

7. *Invites* the Unit to continue to monitor progress in the development and consolidation of common services at Geneva, and at other duty stations where the United Nations system offices and agencies are established, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session in the context of its annual report;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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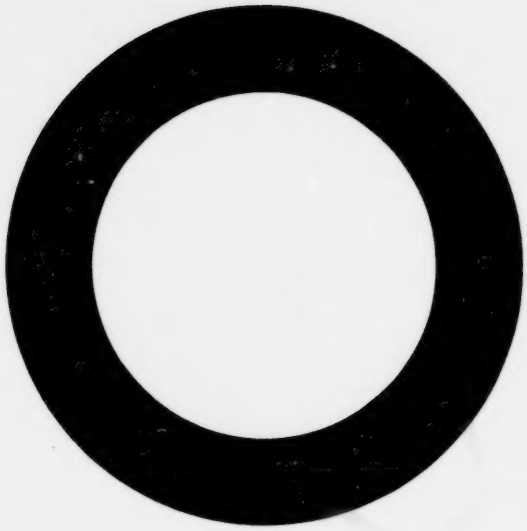

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56/280. Proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission and regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of the Secretary-General

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 52/252 of 8 September 1998 and 55/221 of 23 December 2000,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission and regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of the Secretary-General,[1]

Adopts the draft regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission, together with the explanatory commentary, as set out in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General,[2] subject to the following modifications:

(*a*) Regulation 1 (*a*):

(i) Insert in paragraph 3 of the commentary, after the words "General Assembly", the words "or other relevant main bodies and organs of the United Nations";

(ii) Delete paragraph 4 of the commentary and renumber paragraph 5 as paragraph 4;

(*b*) Regulation 1 (*b*):

Add the following sentence at the end of the commentary:

"In view of the system-wide functions of the International Civil Service Commission and the Joint Inspection Unit, the term 'United Nations' in the written declaration will be replaced by the words 'United Nations and other participating organizations' and the word 'Organization' will be replaced by the word

[1] A/55/928 and A/56/437.

[2] A/56/437.

'organizations' in the case of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission and the Inspectors of the Joint Inspection Unit";

(*c*) Add the following sentence at the end of regulation 1 (*e*):

"The Secretary-General should inform and may take into account the views of the legislative bodies that appointed the officials or experts on mission";

(*d*) Insert a new regulation 1 (*f*), reading:

"These regulations are applicable to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission and the Inspectors of the Joint Inspection Unit, without prejudice to and in accordance with the statutes of the International Civil Service Commission and the Joint Inspection Unit which stipulate that these officials perform their functions in respect of the United Nations and other organizations which accept their statutes";

(*e*) Add the following sentence at the end of regulation 2 (*i*):

"It will be for the Secretary-General, in due consultation with the appointing authority in the case of officials not appointed by the Secretary-General, to judge whether a particular fact has given rise to a conflict-of-interest situation".

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*without reference to a Main Committee (A/56/L.76)*]

56/281. Participation in the plenary meetings of the Meeting of the General Assembly devoted to information and communication technologies for development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 56/258 of 31 January 2002, by which it decided to convene the Meeting of the General Assembly devoted to information and communication technologies for development and also decided that the Meeting would consist of three plenary meetings and separate informal panels,

Noting that the Meeting will be held on 17 and 18 June 2002,

Noting also that in its resolution 56/258, the General Assembly recalled, inter alia, the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2000 of the Economic and Social Council[1] as well as resolution 56/183 of 21 December 2001, in which the Assembly had welcomed the fact that the World Summit on the Information Society would be held in December 2003 in Geneva and in December 2005 in Tunis,

Noting further that in its resolution 56/258, the General Assembly welcomed, inter alia, the fact that the Information and Communication Technologies Task Force had been launched on 20 November 2001,

Noting that the Digital Opportunities Task Force was launched at the G-8 Kyushu-Okinawa summit which was held from 21 to 23 July 2000,[2]

Welcoming the fact that, at its second meeting on 4 February 2002, the Information and Communication Technologies Task Force agreed to work together with the Digital Opportunities Task Force implementation teams to advance the shared agenda,

Noting that the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2002 was held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 18 to 27 March 2002,

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[1] See *Official Records of the General Assembly Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/55/3/Rev.1), chap. III, para. 17.

[2] See A/55/257-S/2000/766, annex, para. 12.

Decides to invite the President of the Economic and Social Council, the Chairman of the Information and Communication Technologies Task Force, the Chairman of the Digital Opportunities Task Force, and the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union to make statements at the first plenary meeting of the Meeting of the General Assembly devoted to information and communication technologies for development.

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*without reference to a Main Committee (A/56/894)*]

56/282. Question of East Timor

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the right of peoples to self-determination as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, as well as resolution 1541 (XV) of 15 December 1960 and all other United Nations resolutions relating to the question of East Timor,

Recalling also the mandate of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Recalling further the Agreement of 5 May 1999 between the Governments of Indonesia and Portugal and the Secretary-General on the question of East Timor regarding the modalities for the popular consultation of the East Timorese through a direct ballot,[1] and taking note of its outcome and the process of transition, under the authority of the United Nations, towards independence,

Taking note of the subsequent recommendation by the East Timor Constituent Assembly that 20 May 2002 be the date for the official transfer of the powers of sovereignty from the United Nations to the East Timor government institutions,

Mindful of the statement by the President of the Security Council of 31 October 2001,[2]

1. *Recalls* the important role played for many years by the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in promoting the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in relation to East Timor;

2. *Welcomes* the progress and the achievements in East Timor, and commends the Secretary-General and the United Nations Transitional

[1] A/53/951-S/1999/513, annex II.
[2] S/PRST/2001/32.

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Administration in East Timor, under the leadership of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, for their efforts to assist the Territory during its transition to independence;

3. *Also welcomes* the forthcoming official transfer of power from the United Nations to the East Timor government institutions, as recommended by the East Timor Constituent Assembly;

4. *Decides* to remove East Timor from the list of Non-Self-Governing Territories upon its accession to independence.

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*without reference to a Main Committee (A/56/L.78)*]

56/283. Participation of East Timor in the World Summit on Sustainable Development and its preparatory process

The General Assembly,

Expressing its congratulations to the Government and people of East Timor on the attainment of independence by East Timor on 20 May 2002,

Noting with satisfaction the submission by East Timor of an application for membership in the United Nations,[1]

Mindful of the statement by the President of the Security Council of 20 May 2002,[2] in which the Council welcomed the attainment of independence by East Timor,

Noting that the World Summit on Sustainable Development will be held from 26 August to 4 September 2002 in Johannesburg, South Africa, and that the fourth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the Preparatory Committee for the Summit will be held from 27 May to 7 June 2002 in Indonesia,

Noting also that the World Summit on Sustainable Development and its preparatory process are open to all States Members of the United Nations and States members of the specialized agencies,

1. *Welcomes* the attainment of independence by East Timor on 20 May 2002;

2. *Invites* East Timor, pending its admission to membership in the United Nations or the specialized agencies, to participate as a State, without the right to vote, in the World Summit on Sustainable Development and its preparatory process, including the fourth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the Preparatory Committee for the Summit;

3. *Decides* to conclude its consideration of the agenda item entitled "The situation in East Timor during its transition to independence".

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[1] A/56/953-S/2002/558, annex.
[2] S/PRST/2002/13.